

THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

Boys' and Girls' Department.

Rules for Young Writers.
1—Write plainly on one side of the paper, and number the pages.
2—Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3—Use only pointed articles with no sharp edges.
4—Original stories of letters only will be accepted.
5—Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.

To Mother.
For the wonderful "Mother-love" that glows in the depths of your heart.
For your other fine virtues in which childhood has no part.
For the watchful tenderness which upon you ever bestows.

For the seeds of real happiness which you're always ready to sow.
For each little errand done so kindly by others or me.
For the wonderful roasting from the happiness you see.

Now, I've said your name, dear, and you, whose place can be filled by no other.
And I have you beyond compare, dear, for you are my own darling mother.
—Edna Marks.

GENIE'S TALK TO WIDE-AWAKES.

"See the shooting star!" I am sure many of our Wide-Awakes must have heard father or mother say that when they happened to be walking along some dark, clear night, and pointed to a little streak of light that suddenly appeared in the sky. It was not like the bright, steady stars that we see every night, but it really moved, so that the name "shooting star" seemed just the right thing to call it. Probably it looked as much as anything like the last few faint sparks trailing after a Fourth of July skyrocket, but sometimes there will be a long streak of much brighter light that will last for several seconds before it dies out.

Learned men tell us that there are many millions of these shooting stars every day and night that we never see at all, but that August is about the best month in the year to expect to see them. On a clear, moonless night we ought to be able to see at least eight or ten every hour. Perhaps you may know that all the stars we see every night have names which were given to them by the Greeks centuries of years ago, but these shooting stars were a big puzzle to them, and they gave them the name of "meteors," which means merely a thing in the air.

When you come to study astronomy some day you will learn that scientists are still trying to find out all they can about the meteors, but they are fairly well satisfied that they are nothing more or less than pieces of another heavenly body called a comet. Sometimes big masses break off from a comet of the comet breaks up altogether, and when these pieces come into the earth's atmosphere we see them as meteors or shooting stars. It is one of these broken up comets that give us the August meteors which are usually seen most numerous between the 11th of July and the 15th of August.

WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS.
—Anna Johnson, of Norwich—The Boy and His Friends.
—Dorothy L. Barton, of Waterbury—The Trail of the Seneca.
—Louise I. Case, of Baltic—The Camp Fire Girls in the Woods.
—Catherine Gray, of Putnam—Camp Fire Girls in the Woods.
—Gordon Johnson, of Baltic—The Boy and His Friends.
—Rory Peabody, of New London—Camp Fire Girls on the Farm.
—Alma Bernier, of Danielson—Rescued by a Prince.
—Rose Schanker, of Norwich—The Boy and His Friends.

Winners of prize books living in the city may obtain them by calling at The Bulletin office after 12 o'clock Monday morning.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
Miss W. Johnson of North Stoughton: I thank you for the prize book you sent me entitled The Camp Fire Girls at the Seashore. I have read it and found it very interesting.

Arcelle Boyan of Glasgow: I received the prize book entitled in the Camp of the Delaware. I have started reading it and have found it very interesting.

Sarah Hill of Jewett City: I thank you for the prize book you sent me entitled The Camp Fire Girls in the Woods. I have read it through and I found it very interesting.

Mary Tracy of Canterbury: I received the book, and thank you very much.

Miss Brown of Attitash: I have received the nice book that you sent me and I thank you very much.

Grace Purvis of Norwich: I received the book. I've started it and find it very interesting, and thank you very much.

Birita Johnson of Baltic: I am very highly pleased with the prize book you sent me. Please accept my thanks.

Rory Peabody of New London: I was very much pleased with the book you sent me, and hope I can win another Camp Fire Girls book for a prize.

STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES.

Description of a Trump.
Dear Uncle Jed: It was of medium height but new round shouldered from old times, which made him shorter. One said he was once of high rank but now his face was battered and wrinkled and any of his old friends could not recognize him. His eyes were of the palest blue, but lack of sleep made him look tired and with a weary expression which made one think his thoughts were of the years long past.

His eyebrows and lashes had grown longer from lack of care. His hair had grown long and turned gray from years of worry. When he smiled, which was seldom, his teeth gleamed and looked as though he had thought of them even though he forgot his heavy-lidded eyes. He wore a long, heavy overcoat and trousers which were ones of good quality. His boots were heavy but his weary and worn body and made him stagger as he walked. Sometimes good-hearted people gave him food and clothing, but he never asked for anything. On a stick over his shoulder he carried a pack, but he never knew what it contained.

Sometimes the boys would tease him, but instead of getting angry he always seemed to have his own way.

As he was his overcoat spring, summer, winter or fall, he was nicknamed "Charlie Overcoat."

One day he was to go to the land where he had no worry or trouble any more.

ANNA JOHNSON, Age 12.

Our Trip to Storrs College.
Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell you about our trip to Storrs College. We started about half past 8 and arrived there at quarter to 11. We went in and heard the men talking about poultry.

Then we went out and ate our lunch. After our lunch we went to look at the different animals. We saw horses, cows, sheep, steers and chickens. We saw a lot of machinery. We went into the dairy building and saw a great big churn and other things too numerous to mention.

We started home about 3 o'clock, tired with our trip, but glad that we had gone. DOROTHY RICHARDSON, Age 11.

A Picnic in the Woods.
Dear Uncle Jed: Last Sunday it was very warm and I sat reading. Finally father started the conversation. "Well, children," he said, "how would you all like to go for a picnic in the woods?"

Well, of course, everyone said "Yes." So we started in the automobile (a joke word for automobile). We rode on and on till finally we picked out a lovely spot in the woods.

We landed and unpacked. Heavy blankets and covers were spread under the trees. Finally all was ready and now we were ready to go.

We ran in and out of the bushes, we found a few mushrooms and a couple of patches of blueberries. Then we played ball, hid and seek, and other games.

Finally we had lunch, packed up, and drove home, a tired, happy bunch. ROSE SCHANKER, Age 12.

The Reddish Fly.
A little fly was just flying into Mrs. Nelson's parlor when it's mother stopped it. "Don't," she said, "There is a boy with a fly killer in there." The little fly looked longingly into the parlor. The sunshine peeped in through the windows and it was not the heat that drew it there. There were chairs and a table and a piano, some pictures and a mirror, all more things to land on while in the hall there was nothing but a telephone, two pictures and a clock and worst of all the telephone corded the floor when it rang.

The little fly said, "I don't care what mother says, I'm going." She flew in and landed on the table. Happily she said, "Mother—," she never finished for down came the flykiller. This was the end of the fly.

LOUISE I. CASE, Age 11.

A Picnic at the Park.
I want to tell you about our trip to Norwich. We had been planning about two days ahead and so when the morning of the picnic arrived we were all excited. We were to have a picnic in the park. We had a lot of friends from New York visiting and they were very much excited, too. At 10 o'clock sharp we left in the auto for Mohegan Park and when we got there we found a place where there were several swings and a summer house. We ate a very pleasant lunch and had among other things plenty of ice cream.

After lunch we played on the swings and on the merry-go-round. We were there about two hours more and then started home after a very pleasant day at the park. I hope some Wide-Awakes have as good fun as I did that day.

WILBUR C. BROWN, Age 13.

About Sophie's Doll.
This time I'm going to tell you about my doll.

My doll's name is Alice. She has long beautiful, yellow curly hair and black eyes. Her shoes are black and she has little pink socks. She has some pretty clothes and can stand herself. She fell off the bed and broke the head of her foot and I was very sorry. Her cheeks are pink and when I lay her down she closes her eyes and goes to sleep. I love her a little bit. I wish her and I could live together every day. She has a little pink ribbon on her head. She has a lot of hair and she can stand for water to get on her shoulders. I wish she could talk like the Wide-Awakes have a doll like mine. This is the last I can write for this time. Next time I'll try to write more.

SOPHIE PLOPA, Age 10.

Ladybird.
Saved.
Little Eleanor Smith, aged twelve, was helping her mother wipe the dishes on a bright September day. The only thing that spoiled her happiness was the sight of a ladybird which came from the forest floor.

Eleanor was staring at it with her mouth open. She was so much interested in it that she forgot to wipe the dishes. Her mother called her and she started to wipe the dishes, but she was so much interested in the ladybird that she forgot to wipe the dishes.

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What Shall I Be?

Answered for Boys

A Plant Wizard.
FRANCIS ROLT-WHEELER.

Everyone eats three times a day or more. Most of that food comes from the ground, all of it, indirectly. All over Canada and the United States, farmers, truck growers, fruit growers and gardeners depend on seedmen and nurseries for their stock. No ups and downs of the market can affect that business. It must go on.

If you're one of the fellows who likes the out-of-doors, why not take up this work? Or, if you like experimenting, plants are the most useful things to experiment with. Or, if you want to do good to the rest of the world, look how invaluable is the work of man who enables us to have better food for the same out-of-labor!

Compare a grain of wild wheat, with a full head of high-grade wheat! Compare the scrawny little wild potato, no bigger than a marble, with a big food-filled potato of today! Look at the difference between a wild crab-

apple, so sour you can hardly bite into it, with a big pippin!

The name of Luther Burbank is famous, because he has been doing spectacular things, like the spineless cactus. But, in all the big plant nurseries, there are men who have done more, who have given the world better food, and better food means better men, and better men means a better country.

Why not be a plant wizard? Get an out-of-door life, get a life full of interest, of experiment, full of doing good, and a sure livelihood besides. How to begin? Learn all you can about home gardening. In summer vacation, go to a plant nursery. There are men who have done more, who have given the world better food, and better food means better men, and better men means a better country.

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Answered for Girls

The Playground Worker.
CAROLINE M. WENGER.

Don't you admire the ambitious girl who works her way through college? Several young women of my acquaintance have held various positions on the playground in winter and summer and thereby paid their school expenses. In this way, they have been of real service to the community and have benefited themselves at the same time.

One young woman attended the school of medicine at the University for five years, and at the same time, she was a physical training director in the Pittsburgh playgrounds, at a salary of \$125 per month. She is now practicing medicine. Another was club leader for two hours in the evening at a salary of \$30 per month.

We are coming more and more to see that both old and young need play. Gymnasiums in high schools, swimming pools and field houses in parks are open at night for boys and girls, men and women. Big institutions now

have playgrounds and need trained workers. Over 300 cities in the United States and Canada have playgrounds for children.

Here is a big opportunity for the young woman of culture, who likes play and understands children. If you are interested, write to the Playground and Recreation Association of America, 1 Madison Square, New York City. It has a list of places needing play directors.

The greatest need is for physical training directors and trained kindergarten workers. You must have at least a two-year course in physical education, based upon a high school graduation. The need for these teachers is so great that, after you have started your course, you may secure a position before graduation at a salary higher than that of regular teachers. Two years of childhood study are necessary to become a kindergarten teacher.

At the present time, physical training teachers are paid from \$125 a month up to supervising positions, which pay as high as \$3,000 per month. Kindergarten receive from \$90 to \$130 per month.

their time hunting deer, buffalo or bison. The Indians showed the settlers how to make moccasins from deer skin and canoes from birch bark. They also taught them how to plant corn in the forest. Rings of bark were cut from the trunk of the tree, or the bark was turned off, so the sap couldn't flow. The trees soon died and being without leaves the warm sunshine could ripen the grain. Some Indians still live in tents mostly of cloth. Some build adobe houses large enough for several families. The native weapons are the bow and arrow, and the hatchet or tomahawk. Many are now still with a rifle. The red men had no horses when the white men came from Europe but many of them are now excellent riders.

WILLIAM GASKA, Age 11.

A Visitor From China.
JEWETT CITY.

Dear Uncle Jed: When John was a little boy he was afraid of boats, and as he grew older his fear seemed to increase. When he was twelve years old his father and mother decided to send him to a boy's camp that they knew about.

John enjoyed swimming and was delighted to find that the camp was situated on a large lake, but his delight was soon changed to dismay at seeing twelve canoes.

The next day John became acquainted with most of the boys and had many good times. One day after John had been there five or six weeks, all the other boys went